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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

REF: A. AMMAN 896 (NOTAL) B. DAMASCUS 431 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE TALKED TO REP SOLARZ ABOUT DAMASCUS REFTEL (B). HE WOULD LIKE TO DO ONE OF TWO THINGS ON 15 FEB:
(A) TRAVEL BY CAR TO BEIRUT AND TALK WITH EMBASSY, LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS, THEN FLY TO AMMAN; OR (B) IF ABOVE NOT POSSIBLE, REMAIN IN DAMASCUS FOR PART OF DAY, THEN DRIVE TO AMMAN.

2. IN EVENT OF (A), HE WONDERS WHETHER BEIRUT CAN PROVIDE CAR (REF B MAKES IT CLEAR DAMASCUS CANNOT) OR HE CAN TAKE TAXI OR SERVICE DAMASCUS-BEIRUT. IN BEIRUT, HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH EMBASSY, SOMEONE IN LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WHO CAN SPEAK KNOWLEDGEABLY ABOUT THEIR POLICY AND POSITION; AND FINALLY SOMEONE WHO CAN PUT HIM IN CONTACT WITH OR SPEAK FOR PALESTINIANS, PREFERABLY SOMEONE WHO CAN REFLECT ARATAF'S POINT OF VIEW. SUGGEST BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS REPLY TO CAIRO FOR WHICH CODEL SOLARZ DEPARTING EARLY MORNING FEBRUARY 7.

3. IN EVENT OF (B) IN PARA 1 ABOVE, WE CAN ATTEMPT PROVIDE EMBASSY AMMAN CAR, BUT WILL HAVE TO RECONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW BIDDING CLOSER TO TIME OF EVENT. ALTERNATIVELY,

IF DAMASCUS CAN PROVIDE SERVICE TO BORDER, WE CAN PROBABLY ARRANGE SOMETHING TO MEET HIM. PERHAPS JORDANIAN SERVICE FROM DAMASCUS WILL BE COMING ALL WAY THROUGH. DAMASCUS OBVIOUSLY BEST EQUIPED TO COMMENT ON DEGREE OF SECURITY RISKS IN SYRIA POSED BY ANYOF ABOVE TRAVEL ALTERNATIVES NOT USING USG TRANSPORTATION AND ESCORT. AMMAN READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE GIVEN OTHER VISITOR DEMANDS ON POST FEBRUARY 13, PICKERING

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